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Dear Secretary Blinken:

I write to you to express my deep concern regarding American citizens who remain unjustly imprisoned by the Maduro regime in Venezuela. Specifically, I am requesting that you do all you can to ensure the safe return of my constituent, Matthew Heath.

Mr. Heath was unjustly detained by the Maduro regime under fabricated charges on September 10, 2020. I remain concerned about the conditions in which Mr. Heath is being held and his ability to receive due process, a sacred right granted to U.S. citizens under the U.S. Constitution.

I am grateful for the Trump administration and the U.S. Department of State's continued efforts to assist my office and the Heath family as we work to secure the release of Mr. Heath, and respectfully ask that you, and the Biden administration, continue the State Department's fantastic work so that he can return home and be reunited with his family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann Member of Congress